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DEPLOYMENT OF INDIAN AND PAKISTANI ARMED FORCES

1. The Indian Army is estimated to have a total strength of approximately 600,000 men. About 264,000 troops--or 44 percent--are currently assigned to combat units.* Out of this total of troops on combat duty, 60 percent are deployed against the Pakistani frontier (including the Kashmir cease-fire line). Inclusion of an armored division located in northcentral India, whose primary mission is defense against Pakistan, would raise this to roughly 66 percent. About 25,000 troops on combat duty have been pulled away from the Pakistani frontier for redeployment in the Tibetan border region, although most of these troops have been replaced with newly raised units.

2. Total strength of the Pakistani Army is about 205,000, including some 37,000 in border security battalions. About 134,000--or 65 percent--are currently

*Note: At least 20,000 are not accounted for on current Order of Battle.

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assigned to combat units. Of this total, 73 percent are deployed against India. This includes one division and additional forces (about 25,000 men) located in East Pakistan, which are primarily responsible for maintaining internal security.

3. The bulk of Indian forces deployed against Pakistan is divided about equally between the Kashmir and Punjab sectors. Pakistani forces are concentrated in northern Punjab.

4. Ground forces on both sides are based where practicable at former British cantonments, but the location of these facilities is not a major factor in determining the deployment of forces.

5. Troop dispositions in both countries have not changed substantially since the hostilities in Kashmir in 1947.

6. Tactically assigned jet aircraft in India (333 planes) and in Pakistan (104) are based in such a way that the total force could be brought to bear against each other or against a third country with equal facility.

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